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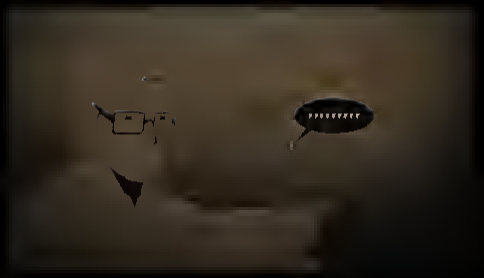
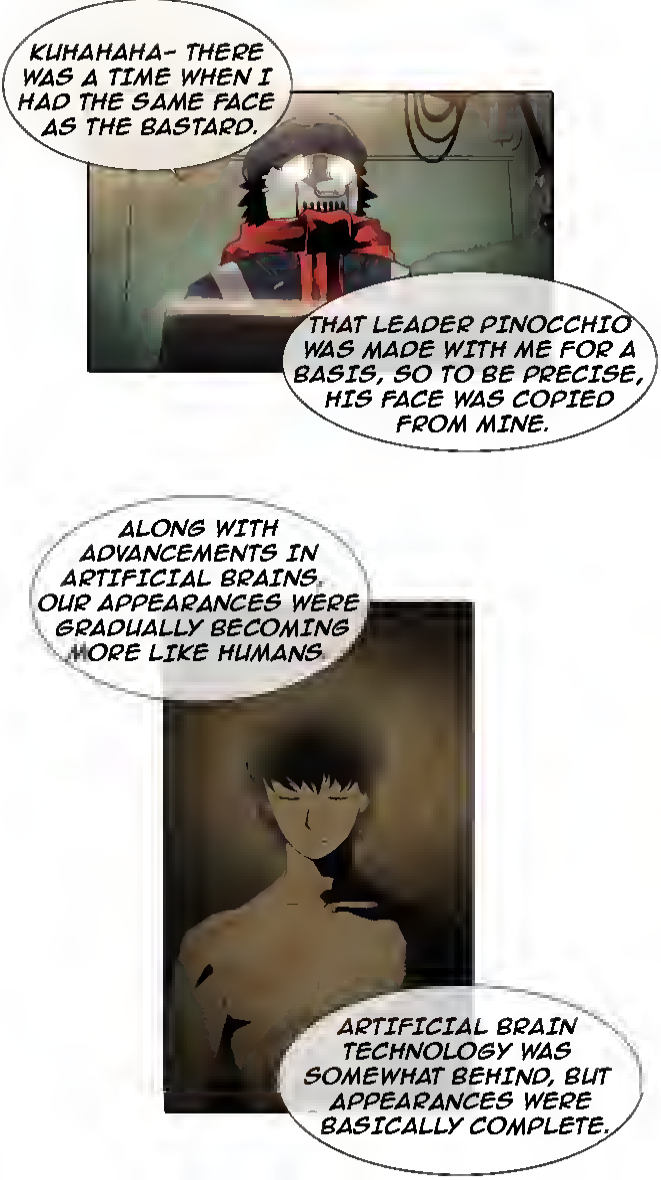


PINOCCHIO.
PLEASE BRING ME THE PRINTOUTS OF ARTIFICIAL BRAIN PRESERVATION DATA OVER THERE.


KUHAHAHA- THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I HAD THE SAME FACE AS THE BASTARD.
THAT LEADER PINOCCHIO WAS MADE WITH ME FOR A BASIS, SO TO BE PRECISE, HIS FACE WAS COPIED FROM MINE.
ALONG WITH ADVANCEMENTS IN ARTIFICIAL BRAINS, OUR APPEARANCES WERE GRADUALLY BECOMING MORE LIKE HUMANS.
ARTIFICIAL BRAIN TECHNOLOGY WAS SOMEWHAT BEHIND, BUT APPEARANCES WERE BASICALLY COMPLETE.

THERE COULD ONLY BE ONE PINOCCHIO.

WE FOUGHT INTENSELY.
TRYING TO PROVE OUR EXISTENCE

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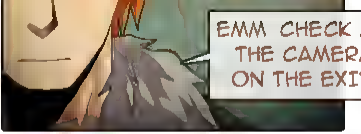
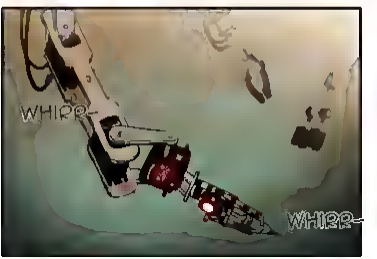
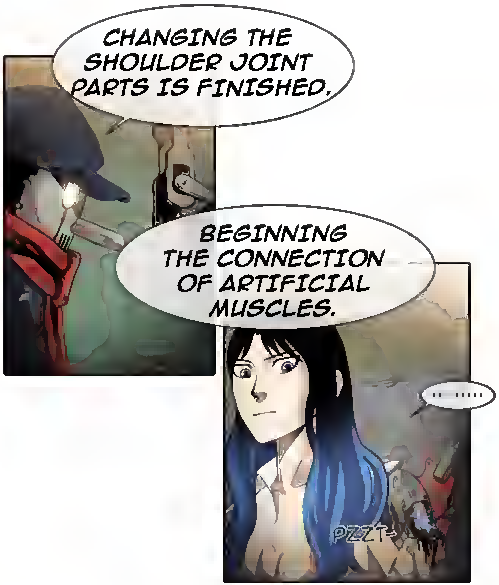


WE'RE CONTINUING THE SEARCH.



FATHER, DR. GEPETTO, HAD ALREADY PREPARED YOU 100 YEARS AGO, AND PLANNED FOR WHALE TO FIND YOU.
BUT YOU SAID IT'S BEEN A HUNDRED YEARS SINCE HE DIED.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN HE PLANNED FOR WHALE TO FIND ME?
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S POSSIBLE...!
JUST LIKE YOU YOURSELF CANNOT UNDERSTAND, I'M ALSO FILLED WITH DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS.
BUT ONE THING IS FOR SURE. NOW THAT YOU KNOW THIS...


CHANGING THE SHOULDER JOINT PARTS IS FINISHED.
BEGINNING THE CONNECTION OF ARTIFICIAL MUSCLES.
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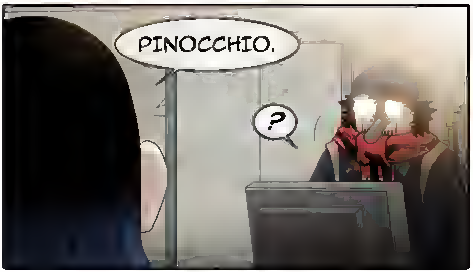
PINOCCHIO.
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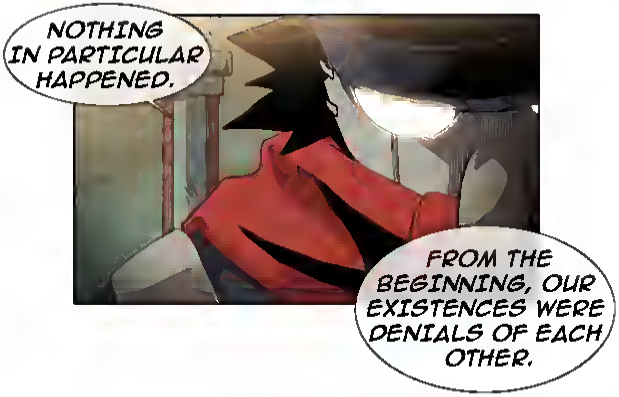
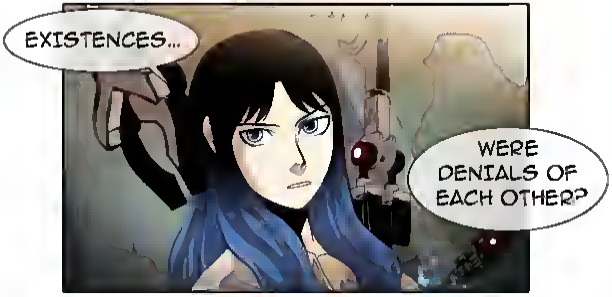

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR HAPPENED.
FROM THE BEGINNING, OUR EXISTENCES WERE DENIALS OF EACH OTHER.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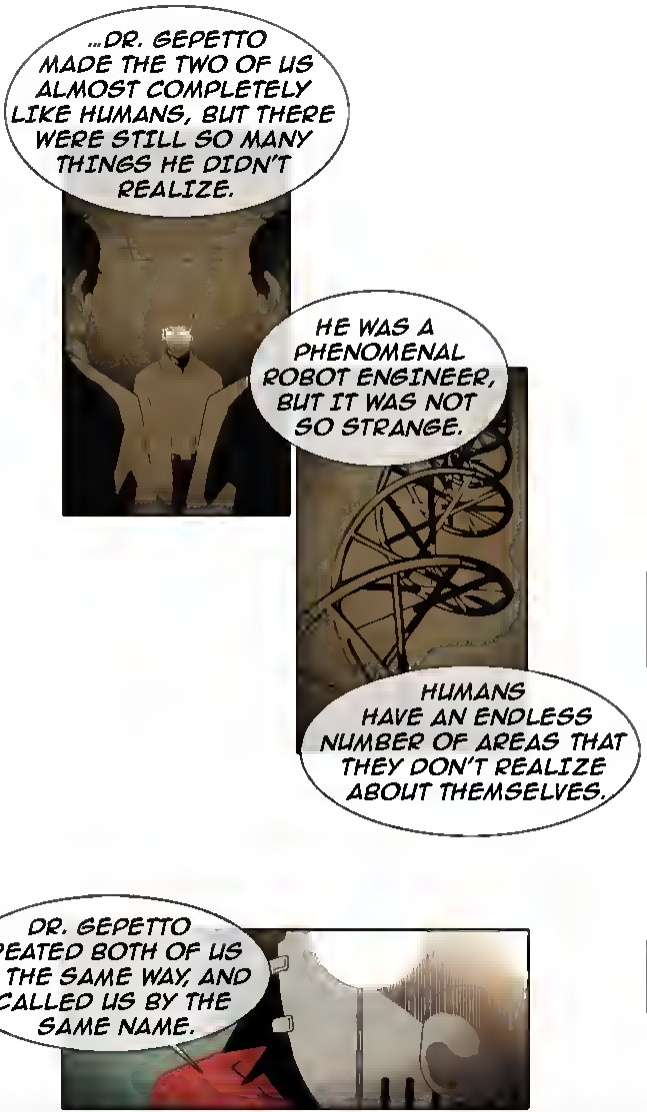
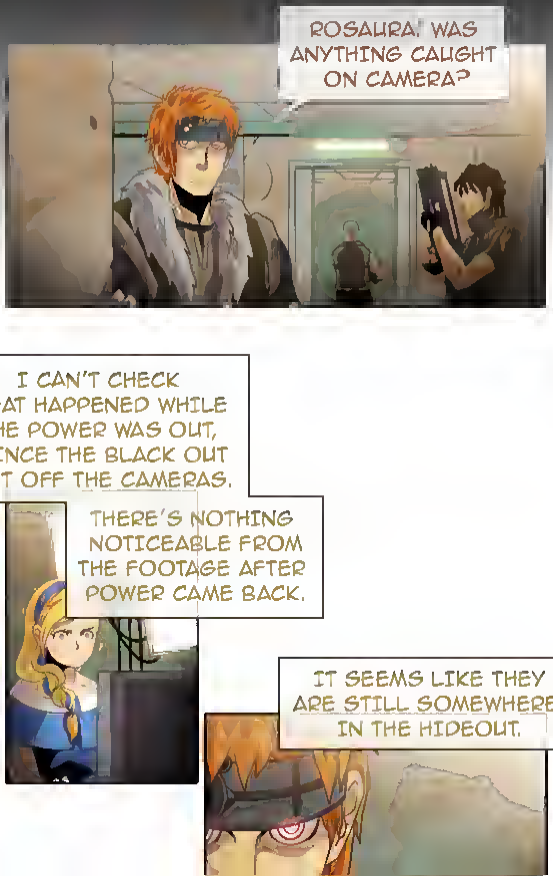
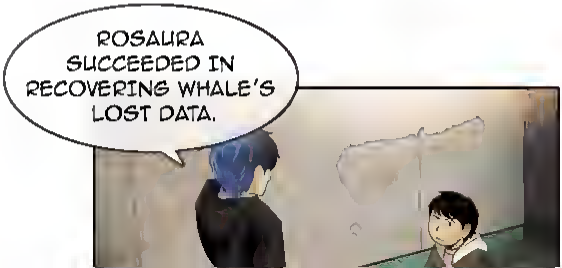
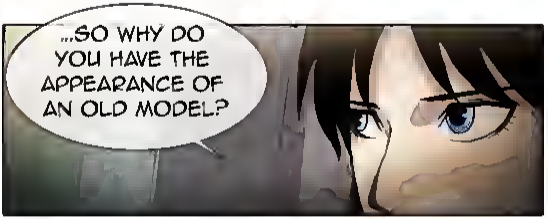

...DR. GEPETTO MADE THE TWO OF US ALMOST COMPLETELY LIKE HUMANS, BUT THERE WERE STILL SO MANY THINGS HE DIDN'T REALIZE.
HE WAS A PHENOMENAL ROBOT ENGINEER, BUT IT WAS NOT SO STRANGE.
HUMANS HAVE AN ENDLESS NUMBER OF AREAS THAT THEY DON'T REALIZE ABOUT THEMSELVES.
DR. GEPETTO TREATED BOTH OF US IN THE SAME WAY, AND CALLED US BY THE SAME NAME.


ROSAURA! WAS ANYTHING CAUGHT ON CAMERA?
I CAN'T CHECK WHAT HAPPENED WHILE THE POWER WAS OUT, SINCE THE BLACK OUT CUT OFF THE CAMERAS.
THERE'S NOTHING NOTICEABLE FROM THE FOOTAGE AFTER POWER CAME BACK.
IT SEEMS LIKE THEY ARE STILL SOMEWHERE IN THE HIDEOUT.

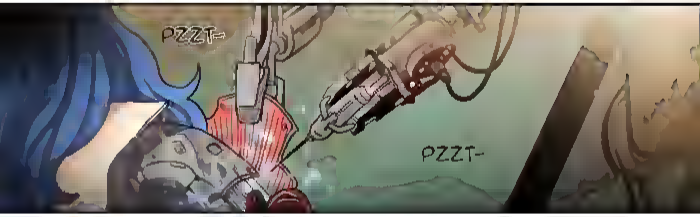
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE.


ROSAURA SUCCEEDED IN RECOVERING WHALE'S LOST DATA.


...SO WHY DO YOU HAVE THE APPEARANCE OF AN OLD MODEL?

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'LL ANSWER TRUTHFULLY, SINCE YOU'RE CAPABLE OF LYING...
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I WANT TO ASK
KUHAHAHA- I WONDER WHAT QUESTION IT IS.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW, WHALE?
WHY ARE YOU...

DR. GEPETTO MADE US NEARLY HUMAN.
BUT IT DIDN'T OCCUR TO HIM THAT JUST LIKE HUMANS, WE WOULD WANT OUR OWN IDENTITIES.
BECAUSE FOR THE PREVIOUS GENERATION ANDROIDS THAT WERE MASS PRODUCED IN FACTORIES, IT DIDN'T MATTER IF YOU CALLED AND COMMANDED THEM BY THE SAME NAME OR THE SAME CODENAME.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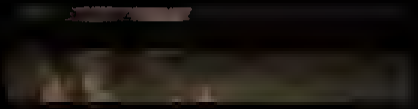


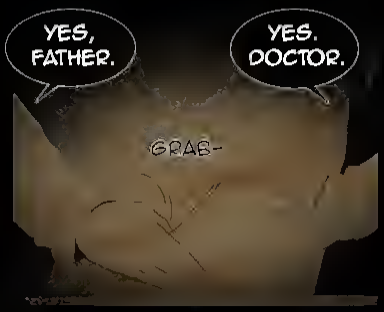
ONE DAY. DR. GEPETTO LEFT THE LAB FOR A FEW DAYS.
THE BASTARD TRIED TO DESTROY ME. LIKE HE'D BEEN WAITING FOR THE CHANCE.

GEPETTO

YUP. THE REASON BEING, WE WERE TOO SIMILAR.
NOT QUITE LIKE TWINS... IT'S AS IF WE WERE DOPPELGANGERS.
...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN.
YOU'RE NOT SIMILAR TO LEADER PINOCCHIO AT ALL.

SO HOSTILE TOWARDS THE LEADER PINOCCHIO?
HALT
.....!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU TWO?
WELL...


YES, FATHER.
YES. DOCTOR.
GRAB-

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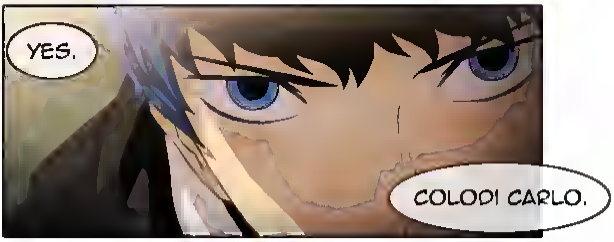
AND WITH TIME PASSING LIKE THAT, ONE DESIRE BEGAN TO FORM BETWEEN THE TWO PINOCCHIOS.
IT'S ME...
I'M THE ONE...
I AM PINOCCHIO!

COME BACK...
HERE?


YES.
COLODI CARLO.

BUT I WAS DEFEATED IN THE END...

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